Revision of Prison Manual

*59. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALRAM:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Telegraph of 28th March, 1986 entitled "Money and clout have always ruled Tihar Jail";

(b) whether it is a fact that the real problem in the Tihar Jail is the laxity of the prison manual;

(c) whether prison manual has been revised recently; and

(d) by when the revised manual is likely to come into force?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The prison manual has not been revised recently. The All India Jail Reforms Committee headed by Justice A. N. Mullah made certain recommendations for imporving the administration in, and management of Tihar Jail. These are being implemented.

Visit of Israeli Advisers in Sri Lanka to Pakistan

*60. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of Israeli advisers in Sri Lanka have visited Pakistan recently, as reported in the Hindustan Times of 22nd March, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction in the matter;

(c) whether Government are also aware of the growing military relationship between Pakistan and Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, what measures are being taken by the Government of India to safeguard the security of the country and to prevent the ethnic problem in Sri Lanka from being complicated further?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Government have seen press reports, including the "Hindustan Times" report of 22nd March, 1986 that Israeli Advisers working in Sri Lanka have visited Pakistan. Government, however, have no hard information so far to substantiate these reports.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government are keeping a close watch on developments in the region and all necessary steps are in hand to safeguard the security of the country. As is known, Government have also offered their good offices to Sri Lanka with a view to assisting in finding a political solution to the ethnic problem there.

Setting up of Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal

226. SHRI R. SAMBASIVARAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of benches of the Central Administrative tribunal set up so far in different states; and

(b) the number of benches of the Tribunal proposed to be set up in different States during the current financial year?